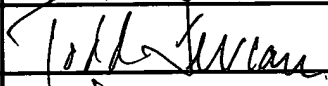

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The Office Action from mailed on December 8, 2003 (Paper No. 7), has been received and reviewed. Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks in response.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, delete lines 2-4

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-8 and 13

REMARKS

By the Office Action mailed on December 8, 2003, the Examiner has requested the deletion of the "Cross-reference to related Application" section in lines 2-4 on page 1 of the specification.

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